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**Going Green Workshops  
*County and City Departments Team up on Green Education***

Waukesha (WI) – May 20, 2009 – Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use and the City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department have teamed up to provide hands on education to adults, children and families about the environment this summer.

Noting the public’s interest in the “green” movement and desire to learn more about our environment, the two departments collaborated on several new programs. Instructors from the County’s Department of Parks and Land Use will present a variety of classes May through August.

“Our mutual goals to reach more people with more environmental education programs made this a win-win for both departments,” said Dale Shaver, Director of Waukesha County’s Parks and Land Use Department.

Topics for classes (ages 16+) range from designing Rain Gardens to reduce runoff and keep rivers and streams clean to How to Build Your Own Rain Barrel to capture rainwater for watering plants to a Green Cleaning Party where participants learn how to make inexpensive non-toxic alternatives to commercial cleaning products.

Two family programs for all ages will be offered: River Critters and Chemistry teaches about life in the Fox River by viewing invertebrate life and testing the water to help determine the health of the river. The Compost/Healthy Soils Family Workshop covers soil health and compost how-to’s, testing a sample of your own home soil, and observing compost critters in action through microscopes and magnifiers.

These classes are open to county and city residents at the E.B. Shurts Environmental Center, 810 W. College Avenue, and the fee for each is \$7. Register at least 24 hours in advance online at [www.ci.waukesha.wi.us](http://www.ci.waukesha.wi.us) under Parks or in person at 1900 Aviation Drive, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. For questions regarding registration, please call 262-524-3737.

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